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Barrington Population & Demographics

- 9,326: Population (+8.7% from 2010)
 - 10-Year Average of 75 Residents per Year
- \$116,061: Average Household Income
 - 3.54% Poverty Rate
- 39.6: Median Age
- 91.2%: Rate of Home Ownership
- Sources: US Census (2020 and 2019 ACS 5-Year Survey)



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Municipal Tax Rate History

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- 2015 \$4.66
- 2016 \$4.59
- 2017 \$4.21* (Assessment +8.4%)
- 2018 \$4.23
- 2019 \$3.69* (Assessment +12.5%)
- 2020 \$3.69

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Measures of Financial Stability

- Stable Municipal Tax Rate
 - Limited Budgetary Tax Impact for ten years (budget increases covered by tax base and increased revenues)
- Unassigned Fund Balance of 8%-17% as Recommended by the NH Department of Revenue Administration
 - Barrington holds \$4,109,505 or 12.4%



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Unassigned Fund Balance and Use

• Year	Balance	Used by Town Meeting
• 2014	\$ 2,942,637	\$ 592,209
• 2015	\$ 3,041,459	\$ 339,463
• 2016	\$ 4,063,777	\$ 378,000
• 2017	\$ 4,460,259	\$ 726,536
• 2018	\$ 4,470,997	\$ 554,050
• 2019	\$3,979,805	\$1,320,000
• 2020	\$3,992,393	\$703,000
• 2021	\$4,109,505	\$538,500



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Proposed Operating Budget

• Approved 2021 \$7,272,353

• Proposed 2022 \$7,765,346

• Difference \$492,993

• Difference 6.78%



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Primary Budget Impact Factors

- Fire Department Staffing Changes: \$172,398
 - Add Two Full-Time Firefighter/EMTs (starting in April): \$145,783
 - • Increase Hours of Existing Full-Time Employees from 42 to 48 hours/week: \$16,193
 - Add One 12-Hour Per-Diem Shift per Week: \$13,889

• Highway Department Staffing Changes: \$87,955

- Working Foreman Approved in Summer of 2021: \$87,955
- Police Department Staffing Changes: \$67,079
 Add One Full-Time Officer (starting in April): \$67,079
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- Election Staffing Changes: \$22,000
 - One Election in 2021 vs. Three Elections in 2022: \$22,000
- Library Staffing Changes: \$12,726
 - Increase Hours for Two Employees, One to Become Benefits Eligible: \$12,726

\$365,624 (76%)

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2022 Revenue Impacts

- State Approved Budget Increases Local Revenue
 - 2022 Meals and Rooms: More Than 30% Increase (+\$160,000 to \$620,000)
 - 2022 Highway Block Grant: Expected to Remain Stable (\$220,000)
- Building Permit Revenue
 - Updated 2021 Fee Structure Increased Revenue by 90% (+\$90,000 to \$190,000)
 - By Statute Revenue Should Cover Department Costs (2022 Proposed: \$227,504)
- Transfer Station Revenue
 - Updated 2021 Fee Structure Increased Revenue and Reduced Operating Costs



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2022 Budget General Information

- Proposed Wage Increases
 - Step for Eligible Employees
 - 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment
 - No Top of Scale Bonus
- · Benefits
 - Insurances: Estimating 10% Rate Increase



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Budget Increases of \$10,000+*

- Election Wages +\$13,000 to \$22,000
 - Three Elections in 2022 vs. One in 2021
- Admin Contracts +25,000 to \$155,000
 - Improved Cybersecurity Monitoring and Equipment as Recommended from the 2021 Cybersecurity Audit

^{*}Excluding Wages and Benefits



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Budget Decreases of \$10,000+

- Revaluation Contracts -\$10,000 to \$55,000
 - Only Cyclical Data Collection; No Town-Wide Adjustment
- Gen. Govt. Bldgs. Lease -\$14,300 to \$50,000
 - Planned Move to New Town Hall in 2022
- Ambulance Contracts -\$15,284 to \$21,000
 - · Reduced Intercepts
- Recycling -\$10,000 to \$50,000
 - Based on 2021 Utilization and Recycled Materials Value



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Requested Warrant Articles

- \$150,000 Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve
- \$150,000 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve
- \$90,000 Police Equipment Capital Reserve
- \$80,000 Fire Truck Capital Reserve
- \$75,000 Library Capital Reserve
- \$50,000 Emergency Communication Capital Reserve



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Requested Warrant Articles (cont.)

- \$25,000 Transfer Station Capital Reserve (Proposed)
- \$25,000 Swains Lake Dam Capital Reserve
- \$15,000 Tricentennial Celebration Expendable Trust
- \$10,000 Fire Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve
- \$9,000 Cemetery Capital Reserve
- \$3,000 Library Technology Capital Reserve



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Fund Balance for Capital Projects

- Responsible Investment in Capital Projects while Reducing Tax Impact
- Unexpended Appropriations are Taxes Raised
- Revenue in Excess of Projections
- Fund Balance is a Savings Account for Cash Flow and in Case of Emergency



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Executive and Admin Budget

- 01-4130-09-4810: Incident Fund
 - Currently \$50,000; Evaluate Throughout Process
- 01-4150-01-4310: Admin Contracts (+\$25,000)
 - Implementing Cybersecurity Improvements Recommended from the 2021 Cybersecurity Audit.



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General Government Buildings and General Assistance Budgets

- 01-4194-01-4531: Communications
 - Increased Redundancy of Internet Service Providers
- 01-4441-01-4112: General Assistance Wages
 - Consolidated Welfare Caseworker and Human Resources Administrator Positions Through Attrition



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Questions

- More Information
 - www.Barrington.nh.gov/2022Budget
 - Entire Budget Binder Available Electronically
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